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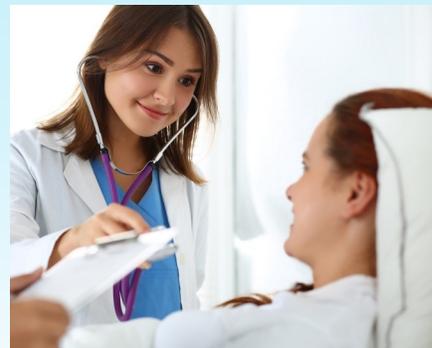
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IHCP COVID-19 Response: IHCP clarifies policy on PA process for acute care hospital inpatient admissions

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is clarifying policy requirements published in *IHCP Bulletin BT202030*. This clarification is for managed care entities (MCEs). Under the published guidance for inpatient admissions and until further notice, MCEs are required to automatically approve initial authorizations, regardless of clinical documentation, for 60 days unless fewer days are requested by the provider.

MCEs may work with their hospital partners to obtain clinical information for the purpose of care coordination and discharge planning throughout the length of the initial authorization.

For continuation of services beyond the initial authorization, even if the provider requested initial authorization for fewer than 60 days, the MCE may request clinical information and review for medical necessity prior to authorizing any additional days for the inpatient stay.



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